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Subject: RE: Daily Wrap 2/17/2016

And kudos to Erin for completing her first OMR wrap!

From: Cavalier, Erin
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:12 PM
To: AO OPA Daily Wrap <AO_OPA_Daily_Wrap@epa.gov>
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Air

Arizona freelancer (rec'd 2/16) – OPEN – follow up questions on off-gassing. With Dan Abrams. DDL COB today.

Automotive News – OPEN – CG interview request on midterm evaluation. OTAQ considering. DDL Fri.

Consumer Goods Forum [Received 2/16] -- OPEN -- Challenges and assessment of switching to sustainable refrigerants. Request with program. DDL: 2/19.

Detroit News (Henry Payne, columnist) (rec'd 12/17) – OPEN –questions on SEMA. With programs.

Houston Chronicle [Received 2/17] -- OPEN -- Follow up on well aggregation rule. Request with program. DDL: 2/17.

PBS – OPEN – Gina McCarthy interview request for ethanol documentary.

Roadracing magazine (rec'd 2/16) – CLOSED – sent approved SEMA responses.

The Shop mag (rec'd 2/16) – OPEN – SEMA. Draft response with OECA/Nick Conger.

SNL Energy [Received 2/17] -- CLOSED 2/17 -- Sent reviewed response on SO2 designations.

VICE News [Received 2/17] -- OPEN -- Interview request for a feature on a climate scientist. Request with OAR and ORD. DDL: 2/24.

Chemicals and Pesticides

Algemeen Dagblad (Netherlands) [Received 2/1] – PFOA and DuPont/Chemours; reporter's document request in program – DDL 2/12

Farm Journal (Sonja Begemann) [Received 2/16] – OPEN – Bayer's belt decision follow-up; questions in progam – DDL 2/19 COB

Environmental Health News [Received 2/16] – CLOSED – Request for reaction to scientists' statement of concern on Glyphosate; sent OPS-approved response

Fortune Magazine [Received 2/10] – OPEN – Lead in home paint; proposed OCSPP response awaiting OPS approval – DDL overdue

Freelance Reporter (Natasha Gilbert) [Received 2/17] – OPEN – TOXCAST; reporter questions in program – DDL FLEX

Greenpeace UK [Received 2/16] – OPEN – Neonics; in program – DDL 2/19 COB

The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) [Received 2/4] – OPEN – Follow-up on PFA inquiry; sent to OCSPP and ORD – DDL 2/11

Live Science [Received 2/16] – CLOSED – Pyriproxyfen and Microcephaly; OPS-approved statement sent

Los Angeles Times [Received 2/17] – OPEN – Agent Orange use in Globe, AZ; sent to OPS – DDL Flex.

Science News Magazine [Received 2/16] – OPEN – Scientists' Glyphosate regulation statement; awaiting questions from reporter – DDL 2/18 Noon

Tire Review [Received 2/17] – OPEN – Mosquito breeding in tires; questions in program – DDL 3/15

WFTS (ABC-10, Tampa, FL) [Received 2/12] – OPEN – Hartz flea and tick drops; in program – DDL unclear

Clean Power Plan

Argus [Received 1/28] -- OPEN -- Systems using to help states comply with Clean Power Plan. Request with program. DDL: 2/22.

Daily Caller [Received 2/17] -- CLOSED 2/17 -- Sent reviewed statement on our work with states.

Detroit News [Received 2/16] -- CLOSED 2/16 -- Sent reviewed response on Michigan's plan to suspend activities and deadlines for states.

watchdog.org [Received 2/16] -- CLOSED 2/16 -- Sent link to fact sheet on costs/benefits in response to criticism by Independence Institute of the plan.

Enforcement

InPaint [Received 2/16] – OPEN – Lead paint enforcement action; in program (OECA) – DDL 3/16

Environmental Information

FedTech [Received 2/5] – OPEN – Fighting insider threats; OEI and OPA discussing possible response – DDL 2/20

Government Computer News [Proactive] – CLOSED – Ann D. contacted reporter to correct inaccuracies in published story.

Take Part [Received 2/9] – CLOSED – Ag discharges to waterways; OPS-approved response sent on 2/16

Fracking

Inside EPA [Received 2/10] – CLOSED 2/12 – Reporter interviewed Jeff Frithsen and Kevin Teichman for 2/18 publication. Reviewed by Melissa, Dale. Reporter has now changed focus of her FOIA. Additional follow up being handled by Melissa.

StateImpact Pennsylvania [Received 2/10] – CLOSED 2/11 – Reporter sent follow up to an earlier question about whether the EPA sought information from the Marcellus Shale Coalition about its pre-drill water testing. Sent response from ORD, reviewed by Dale and Melissa. Deadline 2/11

General Counsel

Dartmouth Alumni Magazine [Received 1/4/16] – OPEN – Interview with Sammie nominee Stephanie Hogan from OGC conducted 1/14; follow-up info and headshot to be sent soon – DDL early March.

Gold King Mine

KUNC Media (rec'd 2/10) – OPEN – Interview request on GKM current status and future plans. With OPS.

International and Tribal

Independent State Dept. Contract TV producer [Received 12/11] – OPEN – Request for on-camera interview for Indonesian TV on EPA water management; discussing with OITA and OW – DDL March 2016

Land and Emergency Management

Center for Public Integrity [Received 2/3] – CLOSED 2/17 – Requested interview with ORCR staffer. Referred to DOI per program. Reporter reiterated request to talk with someone about coal ash, sent questions. Program provided responses. Sent to reporter, reviewed by George. Deadline extended.

ClimateWire [Received 2/11] – CLOSED 2/11 - Reporter asked about new listing in Fed Reg about Additions to List of Categorical Non-Waste Fuels. Sent long standing statement reviewed by George and Julia. Deadline 2/11

Fayetteville Observer [Received 2/10] – CLOSED (for OLEM, open with ORD) 2/11– Questions about hexavalent chromium. Wrote for today but would like to write a follow up. OLEM provided response sent to reporter, clarified follow up question. OW deferred to ORD.

Inside EPA [Received 2/3] – OPEN – Risk Policy Report editor requesting to speak w OSRTI re: comments by DoE last fall and ques about screening for radioactive waste in backyard gardens. Reporter holding story to in order to interview.

MSNMoney [Received 2/11] – OPEN – freelancer working on an infographic asked for EPA data on recycling rates. FYI to Melissa. Sent to program.

Resource Recycling [Received 2/12] – CLOSED 2/17 – reporter writing about storage of broken CRTs outdoors. We responded earlier in the week and he came back today with follow up questions. Forwarded program response on 2/17 after review by George, Julia.

Science Magazine [Received 2/17] – OPEN – Questions about National Contingency Plan. OEM working on it. No specific deadline.

New York Times [Received 2/10] – CLOSED 2/11 – Writing about recycling rates and asked what they are for plastic, aluminum, and others. Provided response from

program. Reviewed by OMR, OPS. Sent info for follow up q. Also reviewed by OPS. Deadline 2/11

Policy

Baltimore Sun [Received 2/16] -- OPEN -- Interview on Local Foods, Local Places grant that Baltimore received in January sked for 2/18, 11 a.m.

SPAN mag (published by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India) [Received 2/9] -- OPEN -- Smart growth. Request with program. DDL: 2/23.

Research and Development

Rubber and Plastic News [Received 2/16] -- CLOSED 2/16 -- Timing for draft report on tire crumb.

The Mike Trivisonno Show

(WTAM 1100 Cleveland) [Received 2/17] -- CLOSED 2/17 -- Declined interview on tire crumb; provided web link.

Volkswagen

AP [Received 2/17] Spoke with one of our regular reporters who asked about status of VW.

ARD TV [Received 2/17] – CLOSED 2/17 – German TV producer based in L.A. requested interview with the administrator for a documentary. Explained that we cannot entertain any interviews while we have an open and ongoing investigation or litigation.

ClimateWire [Received 2/12] – CLOSED 2/12 – Transportation reporter asked to be added to VW press list. And asked if anything was new.

Die Welt [Received 2/15] – CLOSED 2/15 – Reporter was continuing to ask about rumors. Spoke with him off the record. No story.

German Press Agency dpa [Received 2/10] – OPEN – Requested Chris Grundler's schedule and in person interview after because he has "seen two interviews with Chris in German media lately." Working with OTAQ on whether and when to provide interview.

Handelsbladtt [Received 2/9] – OPEN – Interview scheduled for 2/23 with Chris Grundler.

Handelsbladtt [Received 2/14] – CLOSED 2/14 – Asked for comment regarding leak of VW docs out of Germany. Told reporter we have nothing for her on this.

MotorMouth [Received 2/4] – OPEN – Writer asked for some specific numbers under Tier 2 standards. Working with reporter to clarify his questions. No set deadline.

National Observer (Ca) (Mike De Souza) [Received 1/31] – OPEN -- re testing and update of work w Enviro Canada. Working closely w OTAQ on how to respond.

New York Times [Received 2/14, 2/17] – CLOSED 2/17 – Frankfurt bureau chief asked for comment about leak of VW docs. Told reporter on 2/14 we have nothing for him on this. He asked again on 2/17 and we, again, declined to comment. Article scheduled to appear 2/18.

Reader's Digest [Received 2/9] – OPEN - Working with reporter writing brief piece for RD's "That's Outrageous" page for publication in May. Sent links as follow up.
Deadline: End of March. Will stay in contact to make sure reporter has latest info come 3/31.

Reuters [Received 2/11] Spoke with one of our regular reporters who asked about status of VW.

ZDF public broadcasting [Received 2/17] – CLOSED 2/17 -- German production company based in Hamburg, Nordend Film GmbH, requested an interview with the administrator for a documentary for public television. Explained that we cannot entertain any interviews while we have an open and ongoing investigation or litigation.

Water

Alaska Airlines [Received 2/17] – OPEN – Water conservation practices in Western states; sent to WS, R9 and R10 – DDL 2/22.

Bloomberg [Received 2/12] – OPEN – Drinking Water quality dataset; in program (OW); DDL 2/19 COB

Capital News Service [Received 2/2] – OPEN – Maryland drinking water lead levels; OW response awaiting OPS approval – DDL Flex

Consumer Products (Karin Weisburgh) [Received 2/8] – OPEN – Lead testing kits; response awaiting OPS approval – DDL 2/16

The Federal Times [Received 2/11] – OPEN – Critical water and chemical infrastructure; discussing with OW and OHS – DDL 2/25 (tentative)

JAMA Medical News and Perspectives [Received 2/16] – CLOSED – Definition of small water systems; sent OPS-approved response

Public Source [Received 2/17] – OPEN – Lead testing in water; sent to OPS for review – DDL TBD

Republican-American (Waterbury, CT) [Received 2/8] – OPEN – Safe drinking water standards in CT; combined OW/R1 response awaiting OPS approval – DDL 2/16

Reuters (Josh Schneyer & Mike Fell) [Received 2/1] – OPEN – PH in drinking water; questions from reporter in; OW response in; OECA input sought on last question – DDL 2/18.

Reuters (Krista Mahr) [Received 2/16] – OPEN – Analysis of water treatment data in Pakistan; OITA declining input; OW to provide general information on relevant chemicals – DDL 2/23

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